# Runs of Homozygosity Haplotypes and Their Impact on Growth and Fertility in Angus Cattle

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#### What is ROH?







#### **Objectives**

□ Characterize Runs of Homozygosity (ROH) in the Angus population □ Assess impact of ROH haplotypes on growth and fertility

## Methodology

□ 567,164 animals born 1969 – 2018

Pedigree maximum number of generations 10

- □ SNP chips: HD50K, i50K, GGPHD, GGPLD, AngusGS. Total number of common SNP used: 44,818 SNP on 29 autosomes
- □ Effective population size, linkage disequilibrium used to estimate minimum window size (45 SNP)

□ Software: snp1101 version 1.0 (Sargolzaei., 2014)







Figure 1. Average inbreeding coefficients by birth year estimated using pedigree *versus* ROH







Distribution of number of ROH segments per animal (B)







Figure 3. Density of ROH across the genome of Angus cattle







#### Single haplotype regression

- □ Response: phenotype adjusted for fixed effects and random effects
- □ Explanatory variable: number of copies of ROH haplotype
- P value was adjusted for FDR





## BWT



Figure 4. Association between BWT and ROH haplotypes in chromosomes 20, 6, and 7. Y-axis is -1Log10(FDR adjusted P value). These haplotypes are significant for all 3 traits. X-axis location of haplotypes in the genome.





## WWT



Figure 5. Association between WWT and ROH haplotypes in chromosomes 20, 6, and 2. Y-axis is -1Log10(FDR adjusted P value). These haplotypes are significant for all 3 traits. X-axis location of haplotypes in the genome.





# PWG



Figure 6. Association between PWG and ROH haplotypes in chromosomes 20, 6, and 13. Y-axis is -1Log10(FDR adjusted P value). X-axis location of haplotypes in the genome.







Figure 7. Distribution of Heifer Pregnancy EPD with regard to number of copies of 2 ROH haplotypes on BTA 7. The tables show haplotype impact on BWT, WWT, and PWG







Figure 8. Distribution of Heifer Pregnancy EPD with regard to number of copies of 2 ROH haplotypes on BTA 20. The tables show haplotype impact on BWT, WWT, and PWG







	Haplotype Freq	Haplotype Effect	FDR-adjusted P value
BWT	0.014	-0.19	1.75E-06
wwt	0.014	-0.97	1.17E-02
PWG	0.014	-1.54	2.92E-02



Figure 9. Distribution of Heifer Pregnancy EPD with regard to number of copies of 2 ROH haplotypes on BTA 21. The tables show haplotype impact on BWT, WWT, and PWG







Figure 10. Distribution of Heifer Pregnancy EPD with regard to number of copies of 2 other ROH haplotypes on BTA 20. The tables show haplotype impact on BWT, WWT, and PWG





# Conclusions

Distribution of ROH and their haplotypes vary among chromosomes
Distribution of ROH density might reflect past selection programs
ROH haplotypes in association with growth traits were identified
Mixed signals on haplotypes affecting both growth and fertility





# Thank you! Questions?

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